Dollie Smith – Roseburg High School, 1905

Reflections
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This is the second of two known high school graduation photographs of Dollie Smith, taken in 1905 at Roseburg High School in Douglas County, Oregon. Both images are included here.

A copy of the oval portrait photograph is held in the collection of the Douglas County Museum, where Dollie is identified by name. Other original prints remain in the family collection, including photographs preserved by Barbara Hopper.

After graduation, Dollie may have begun teaching in Ashland, suggested by a postcard sent from there in 1911. She later taught in Alaska. She married William Donaldson, but the couple had no children. Dollie died in 1928, at the age of 42.

What survives of her life now is only a thin paper trail — a handful of postcards and letters that were never discarded. I'm scanning them as I find them, trying to carry them forward, one remnant at a time. There will be a little more of her story to tell.

See also: https://archive.org/details/dollie-smith-portrait-roseburg-ia00